

Woman's World

Wives of Prominent Democrats to Have Harmony Feast.



MRS. CHAMP CLARK—MRS. WOODROW WILSON.

A Dolly Madison May time breakfast which will bring together the wives of Democratic leaders throughout the country is planned for May 20 by Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of the house; Mrs. Henry D. Clayton, wife of Representative Clayton of Alabama; and Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood, wife of the leader of the majority in the lower branch of congress. The breakfast is designed to bring together the women of the party in much the same fashion as the men come together from time to time at the festal banquet board for good fellowship and mutual acquaintanceship.

It will be held at one of the big hotels in Washington, and the list of those to be invited as guests of honor includes Mrs. Grover Cleveland of New Jersey, widow of former President Cleveland; Mrs. Bryan, wife of William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, who three times has been the national standard bearer of the party; Mrs. Alton Brooks Parker, wife of Judge Parker of New York, who once was the Democratic presidential candidate, and Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, whose husband was vice president during one of former President Cleveland's administrations.

Mrs. Clark is to be the toastmistress of the occasion, and the list of those who are eligible as guests will include the wives of Democratic members of the senate and house, of members of former Democratic cabinets, of the Democratic governors, governors elect or Democratic nominees for governor, of the Democratic justices of the supreme court, of the Democratic national committee members and of prominent Democratic residents of the district and the country at large.

The occasion, it is pointed out, will take special significance from the characteristic attributes of Dolly Madison, the patron saint chosen by the women of the democracy, who was one of the most forceful women who ever presided over the White House.

When a Woman Buys Pajamas. The dashing haberdasher indicated the occupant of a polo coat that had just whisked out his front door with a bundle under her arm.

"That young woman," said he emphatically, "bought those sunset pink pajamas to wear herself, and I deduce, furthermore, that she is not married. You can't help noticing little things like that when you look at events with your eyes open."

"How do I know? Let your own ears be the jury. Here's what happened when she bought 'em: 'She wanted to look at some pajamas, and there was a sort of vocal blush in her voice when she added hastily that they were for her husband. What else did she want, I inquired."

"Well, er—she wasn't sure. But she just happened to remember that her husband was about as high and as wide as she was, and she could tell by holding up the garments and measuring the arms whether they would fit him or not. That ancient dodge is as transparent as a plate glass window fresh from the chamote—and they all use it."

"If she had really been buying a slumber suit for her husband she would have told me the size of his shirts and left me to judge by that. I would also call your attention to that sunset color."

"Accept direct from one that's in the business, the average man is about as conservative and careful about the shade of his mattress uniform as he is about that of his street clothes. He might let his wife buy him neckties—his pajamas seldom, if ever."

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In company with some of his general officers he fled to Liege, where all of them were seized by the Austrians and for a long time imprisoned in the castle of Olmutz, in Moravia.

Their life was a very lonely one. Each of them was kept in solitary confinement, but their apartments were so arranged that they were all within hearing of one another when standing at the windows. This fact suggested to them a method of communicating with each other without any outsider being able to understand the meaning of what they were doing, and the following ingenious plan was decided upon and carried out:

There were at that time in Paris many popular ballads which were sung at the corners of the streets and other public places. The words belonging to the tunes were familiar to everybody, and to strike up a few of the notes was to recall to memory the words that accompanied them.

By this means the prisoners succeeded in composing for themselves a vocal vocabulary. They whistled certain parts of the airs at their windows, and in a short time the vocabulary became so complete and comprehensive that two or three notes from each air formed their alphabet.

In this way they communicated news to each other about their families and many other subjects, and when one of them was fortunate enough to secure a copy of the Gazette de France, the Paris newspaper, he whistled the contents of it to his companions in captivity.

The commandant of the fortress was told about these mysterious concerts, and he determined that he would find out what they meant. He spent hours in listening to the whistling and set men to listen, but the whole thing was a mystery to him. Indeed, the most skillful solver of puzzles would have been unable to detect the intention and real expression of the notes heard.

Then he ordered that the whistling should stop, but the prisoners paid no attention to the order, and at last, tired out and baffled, he stopped trying to prevent what he could not understand.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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